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Foreign News

Rumored Reverse of the Allies.

New York, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: No information can be obtained here of various sensational stories telegraphed to foreign capitals in reference to the Chinese question. There is a report from St. Petersburg that a battle has taken place within the walls of Peking and that the allies were compelled to fall back losing 1500 men. This alarming story produced no effect on the stock exchange or elsewhere because it was not believed; nor is there anything to support the statement cabled by a Washington correspondent to a London newspaper that Russia has informed the United States Government that she proposes to annex Manchuria. But whether any such declaration has actually been made to any power yet much doubt need be felt that it merely embodies Russia's intentions, subject only to her ability to meet the opposition which the annexation of Manchuria would be sure to encounter from Japan. In fact, the process has already begun, since Russia is quietly assimilating Chinese territory south of the Amoor river.

Rumors From Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg contains the assertion that Russia, almost immediately, will notify the Powers that she considers the relief of the Peking legations as the first accomplishment of the military task of the allied forces. There is nothing, however, in the afternoon papers here to confirm this.

The afternoon papers doubt that the rumors of peace negotiations are well founded and applaud Gen. Chaffee's prudence in preparing for a winter campaign, as they regard the activities of the allies at Peking and the difficulties of discovering a responsible Chinaman with whom to treat unless Li Hung Chang is able to place himself in communication with the fugitive court and secure credentials satisfactory to all the Powers as indications that the solution of the problem will be more prolonged and more difficult than previously hoped.

Japanese Advancing.

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—According to a dispatch received here from Tien-Tsin Japanese forces are now on their way from Taku to Pao Ting Fu (capital of the province of Chihli) with the direct object of occupying the latter place. The German Vice Admiral at Taku reports the arrival at Peking on Aug. 22 of a German convoy with provisions. The railroad from Tien-Tsin to Yan Tsin is working but from the latter place to Peking the road is in bad shape.

Boer War News.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Lord Roberts, under date of Belfast, Aug. 29, telegraphs:

"Buller's advance occupied Machadodorp this afternoon. The enemy made a poor stand and retired northward, following by Dundonald's mounted troops who could not proceed beyond Helvetia on account of difficult nature of the country and the enemy taking up a position too strong to be dislodged by the mounted troops. It appears that Buller's casualties were very few.

"French continued the movement today as far as Elandsfontein, from which he turned the enemy out with no difficulty. The latter retired, leaving quantities of good cooked food behind.

"General Buller's casualties Aug. 27 were: Killed—One officer and fifteen men; wounded, seven officers and fifty-seven men.

Looting in Peking.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Peking correspondent of the Times wiring last Saturday, says:

"Peking is entirely under foreign control. Looting is progressing systematically. The French and Russian flags are flying over the best portion of the imperial domain, where it is believed the imperial treasure is buried. 'The forbidden city is respected by international agreement, though any punishment will be ineffective unless it is occupied. The Japanese have seized 500,000 taels of silver.

"The Empress Dowager, the Emperor, Prince Tuan and all the high officers escaped to Tai Yuen Fu, in the province of Shansi, from which point they proceeded to Sian Fu. There is no Governor."

General Gaslee, the commander of the British forces at Peking, telegraphing from that place Aug. 16th, via Chefoo, Aug. 23d, gives details of how he is disposing of his troops there. He says the British losses were extremely small; announces that he is very short of food; that he was arranging for convoys and that he hoped to assault the imperial city that day, when the men had been fed. The General also says the good spirits and endurance of the troops were beyond praise and refers to the extremely arduous march owing to the heat and heavy roads.

From Shanghai comes a report, qualified by the assertion that it is from purely Chinese sources, that the Empress Dowager, after proceeding one day's journey from Peking, became terrified at the looting by General Tung Fuh Shan's troops and went back to Peking.

Bubonic Plague in Glasgow.

GLASGOW, Aug. 29.—Two girls and a boy, members of isolated families, have fallen victims of the bubonic plague, though the medical authorities assert that the attacks are less virulent than in the case which have already proved fatal.

In the event of a further spread of the disease, Glasgow shipping will be quarantined.

The Cholera in India.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—"The present epidemic of cholera," says the Simla correspondent of the Daily Mail, "is one of the worst outbreaks on record. The bubonic plague is child's play compared with it. The natives are dying like flies—at the rate of 3000 a week. The epidemic is undoubtedly due to the pollution of the scanty water supply during the famine."

Transport Overdue.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The United States transport California, which sailed from San Francisco July 17, via Honolulu, July 27, for Manila is now a week overdue.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The transport California, reported from Manila to be a week overdue, carried 8500 tons of quartermaster's and commissary stores.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Chicago has a plague of rats.

Typhoid fever at Manila is delaying shipping.

Rear Admiral Kemp has returned to Cavite.

Peru may fight Chile soon over territorial claims.

The University of California has taken course in Japanese.

Italian anarchists threaten the life of President McKinley.

Crispien says that Italy will not be safe without a larger navy.

General De Wet is said to have abandoned most of his guns.

Minister Conger may return and take the stump for McKinley.

C. A. Towne will follow Roosevelt's stump leg tour, answering him.

California gets the highest award for canned fruits at the Exposition. Cordua, a Boer plotter, admits that he planned to abduct Roberts.

Another rich strike in the Nome county. This time it is Hastings Creek.

Cuban leaders are in Washington to talk over independence with the President.

Two submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type are to be built at San Francisco.

General Rundle, operating against the Boers, has taken two Krupp guns and 684 prisoners.

Italy's young king will, himself, hold the reins, and surround himself with young advisers.

The inventor of the new American torpedo gun says it will throw a projectile fifteen miles.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company has launched a fine ferryboat for use in San Francisco bay.

Minister Conger and Congressman Dooliver are the leading candidates for Iowa's vacant Senatorship.

A life size statue of Apollo has been unearthed near Athens. Its workmanship is of the fifth century.

San Diego will issue 600,000 bonds to acquire a water system of the Spreckels, who will take bonds in part.

Two of the leading Chinese firms of Chinatown, San Francisco, have failed because of the butonic plague scare.

Lord Roberts will succeed Lord Wolseley as commander in chief of the British army. Wolseley retires in October.

A carcass of frozen Australian lamb, sent to New York as an experiment, has arrived there in good condition.

An 11-inch torpedo gun will soon be tested at South Bethlehem, Pa. It will throw a missile weighing 2,000 pounds.

Baden-Powell rescued 199 British prisoners at Warran Badis and captured 21 Boers and a German artillery officer.

It is rumored in Europe that Russia is making strenuous efforts to deprive England of the friendship of the United States.

Brasili, the assassin of King Humbert, has asked a postponement of his trial until witnesses can arrive from the United States.

A provisional treaty of amity, commerce, navigation and general intercourse has been signed by Spain and the United States.

Senator Stewart of Nevada, foremost champion of silver, has come out for McKinley. He cannot stand Bryan's views of expansion.

The battleship Alabama is queen of the American navy. She developed a speed of fourteen knots on her trial trip. She will go into commission in October.

A weevil growing in the Georgia mountains called "gall of the earth," is found to be a specific for the bite of the mad dog, rattlesnake, moccasin and copperhead.

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